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**RE: 4:23-cv-00300-ELR Passantino v. United States of America Order on Motion for Extension of Time to Answer--Filing an unopposed motion**

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Ms. Beck,

Thank you for your responsiveness. My apologies for the lack of clarity in my last email.

Defendant respects and recognizes that Judge Ross isn't bound by anything the parties do, that permission to respond must be sought from Judge Ross, and that Defendant is untimely.

However, in light of Plaintiff's withdrawal of consent, and Judge Ross' initial order noting concern with Defendant having originally sought an extension before receiving consent from Plaintiff—in an abundance of caution—Defendant did not want to move forward with any additional filings until after Plaintiff's counsel was consulted.

Defendant intends to respectfully seek permission from the court to respond to Plaintiff's complaint pursuant to Federal Rules of Civ Procedure 6(b)(1)(B) and 55(d), while noting Plaintiff's consent to the extension under certain grounds.

Again, my apologies for the lack of clarity in my last email.

Thank you again.

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Hello Mr. Jackson. Respectfully, that is not acceptable. You are the one who is in default at this time, and you have missed your deadlines without any permission from the Court. I have emailed you as a courtesy, but unfortunately, I cannot provide you with any further guidance. Again, I remind you that any agreement you are working on with opposing counsel is not binding on the Court, and at this point, the Court is free to strike any responsive pleading by you as untimely. Thank you, and have a great day.

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Good afternoon Ms. Beck,

Thank you for reaching out.

Plaintiff's counsel retracted their consent to file an unopposed motion to extend the deadline after your last email.

As a result, we've had to come to an agreement regarding Defendant filing a responsive pleading. We will submit a consent motion detailing the parties' agreement in that regard shortly, including Plaintiff's counsel's desire to have an early 26f conference, that will also include Defendant's grounds for seeking the extension from the court.

Please let us know if this is acceptable to the court.

Thank you.

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Hello Mr. Jackson. At your earliest convenience, please let me know the status of your overdue Answer in this case. Judge Ross has asked me to follow up. My understanding is that you failed to file your Answer by the due date, which was April 15. Despite not being granted an extension by the Court (which would still be required even if opposing counsel consented), you not only missed the original deadline, but have now also missed the extended deadline you were requesting. Please let me know at your earliest convenience if there is some confusion on your part that I can help clarify before Judge Ross issues a show cause order that would appear on the docket. Thank you, and I look forward to hearing back from you. (Please remember to include opposing counsel on any email communication. Thank you.)

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Thank you, Ms. Beck,—best regards.

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Hello Mr. Jackson and thank you for your email. I cannot tell you what Judge Ross will grant. However, if you choose to file a new motion, you may want to include more explanation regarding why the standard response time was not adequate in this particular case. Also, just to let you know, yes, it is extremely important to the judge that you afford opposing counsel a *fair* opportunity to consent or not oppose. Judge Ross typically does grant motions such as this immediately when unopposed. In fact, please also remember to always copy opposing counsel on emails to the Court unless there is need for an *ex parte* communication. I've taken the liberty of doing that here. Thank you and have a wonderful day!  
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Good afternoon Ms. Beck,

I hope all is well. I represent the Defendant in the above referenced case.

Yesterday, I filed a motion seeking a 7-day extension of time to respond to the complaint in the above referenced case, and an amended version today. At the time of filing, I had not yet received Plaintiff's consent to grant the extension.

Judge Ross denied the motions today for failure to show cause.

Would Judge Ross grant a filing of an unopposed motion on the same grounds now that Plaintiff's counsel has consented to the extension? Thank you and my apologies for the last-minute filing.

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